

MINUTES OF THE ANCHORAGE SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 14, 1999

The Anchorage School Board met in Regular Session on Monday, June 14, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room, at the Anchorage School District Administration Building. President Peggy Robinson presided.

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, FLAG SALUTE

Board Members Present: Peggy Robinson, Dave Werdal, Rita Holthouse, Bettye Davis, Harriet Drummond, Kathi Gillespie and Debbie Ossiander.

Others Present: Bob Christal, Carol Comeau, Janet Stokesbary, Carolyn Buckley, Patricia McRae, Arge Jeffery, Pat McDowell, Gail Opalinski, Jim Taylor, Fred Stofflet, Robyn Rehmann, Norm Holthouse, Teresa Johnson, Russ Ament, Heather Wagner, Ed Conyers, Bob Price, Steve Kalmes, Ed Blahous, Lee Wilson, Bill Mikawa, Larry Wiget, Michelle Egan, Marie Laule, Stan Syta, Mary Tanghe, the press and other interested people.

The School Board opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peggy Robinson announced the scheduled up-coming meetings.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by unanimous consent noting that the Personnel Report has an Addendum.

D. AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1. ASD Memorandum #295 – Teacher Selected For NASA Workshop

For two weeks in July Claire Burkholder will boldly go where she has never gone before.

This Mirror Lake Middle School applied science teacher was selected from a national pool of nominees to attend a workshop at the NASA Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, California. This event, sponsored by the National Science Teachers Association and NASA, gives educators the opportunity to

develop new interdisciplinary and team teaching strategies as well as update and expand their knowledge of space-related topics.

During the training Burkholder will work directly with NASA engineers, scientists, technicians and educational specialists. She will attend seminars and examine topics relating to the space station, space shuttle, solar system and the environment. She will also learn how to adapt her knowledge and experiences into a classroom format so that Anchorage students may learn more about the final frontier.

The School Board recognized Claire Burkholder for her selection to this unique and prestigious NASA training.

2. ASD Memorandum #344 – Book Donation: “Black Dog Of Fate”

The Alaskan-Armenian Community is dedicated to keeping the Armenian culture alive in Alaska. The statewide organization, founded in 1996, is comprised of members who wish to honor their heritage by preserving the Armenian language and cuisine, as well as social and political traditions.

This year the members of the organization's book review committee decided to launch an annual book donation program in which they give selected works to "adopted" schools throughout Alaska. The goal is to gradually build a resource library about Armenian culture within each school.

In the Anchorage School District each high school was given one copy of Dr. Peter Balakian's work, "Black Dog of Fate." This book was chosen because it illustrates how Armenian culture helped define many of the tenets of modern society. The committee hopes students who read this book will end up with a broader understanding of Armenian culture.

The School Board recognized the Alaskan-Armenian book review committee for their generous donation to our high school libraries.

3. ASD Memorandum #354 – Student Recognition: Carl Gieringer

The United States Presidential Scholars Program honors America's most distinguished graduating seniors for their academic achievements, leadership and community service. Each year, since its inception in 1964, the President has honored one male and one

female student from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, along with students from families living overseas.

This year's male candidate from Alaska is Service High School graduate Carl Gieringer.

This award honors individuals who demonstrate the ability to excel in a variety of arenas. Carl is no exception. He was ranked 12 out of 509 students in his senior class, graduating with a 4.038 cumulative GPA. He maintained this academic success while tackling Service High School's most challenging courses.

Carl's accomplishments extend beyond academic success. Last year he was selected as Service High's representative at Boys' State, and was asked to be a student representative for the school's teacher interview committee. He was also involved with the orchestra program, three of the four years at the advanced level.

His community involvement is no less impressive. Carl's has been an enthusiastic volunteer for the many community service projects including the Food Bank, the "Angle Tree" program, National Honor Society Penny Drive and lending a hand at elementary school carnivals.

Service High School counselor Sandy Pomeroy describes Carl as responsible, self-directed, personable, kind and well respected by both staff and fellow students. She considers him one of the top ten students she has encountered in 19 years as a high school counselor.

In a few days Carl will travel to Washington D.C. for National Recognition Week. There he will join 140 other students gathered to receive Presidential recognition for representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in young people.

The School Board recognized Carl Gieringer for his selection as a 1999 Presidential Scholar.

4. ASD Memorandum #355 – Economic Education Awards

Early in May, five Service High School students traveled to California to compete in the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Economics Challenge. The team earned a second place finish in the western region competition.

This annual contest allows students to test their expertise in the areas of microeconomics, macroeconomics, international and comparative systems and current economic issues.

For their second place finish, each student received a \$100 savings bond. Congratulations to team members Aaron Quirk, Glenn Lau, Taylor Nelson, Joe Peach and Tim Trudell, as well as their coach, Ann Lyon.

In addition to coaching these winning students, Lyon also received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Teaching from the Alaska Council on Economic Education. Janet Nichols of Hanshew Middle School also received this prestigious honor. Although the council has been in existence for nearly three decades, these educators are only the fourth and fifth recipients of this award.

The School Board recognized these individuals whose accomplishments prove that a good supply of quality students and educators will always be in demand.

5. ASD Memorandum #357 – Science Olympiad Competition

Chugiak High School sent 17 students to the 1999 National Science Olympiad at the University of Chicago on May 13-15.

The team placed 33rd out of a field of 54, the best placement ever for any Alaska team. They were also awarded the Spirit Award for Best Sportsmanship during the competition. Additionally, team members Patrick Killoran and Rebekah Smith came back to Anchorage as national champions.

The Science Olympiad tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of individual and team events which students prepare for throughout the year. The competitions follow the formats of popular board games, TV shows and athletic games and feature the disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and technology. Each event emphasizes advanced learning in science through active, hands-on participation.

The School Board recognized these students, as well as their coach, chemistry teacher Dave Morse, on their exceptional performance at this national competition.

6. ASD Memorandum #371 – June Nelson Memorial Scholarship Recipients

In late April three Anchorage School District seniors were selected to receive the June Nelson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, named after a long-time Kotzebue school board member, is an annual tradition of the Association of Alaska School Boards.

Students are chosen based on grades, community service, activities, letters of recommendation and an essay. This year, 142 applications were received and seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded statewide.

Congratulations to Alan Amaya and James McElligott of West High School and Sarah Schlansker of Dimond High School whose applications reflect their intelligence, community and school involvement, and drive.

The School Board recognized these three outstanding students on their selection as June Nelson Memorial Scholarship recipients.

7. Presentation: BP Second Semester Teachers Of Excellence

BP Second Semester Teachers Of Excellence for the 1998-99 School Year:

Claire Burkholder	Mirror Lake Middle School
Lou Chandler	East High School
Rosemary Gilbert	Huffman Elementary
Alana Haider	Rogers Park Elementary
Mike Hanscam	O'Malley Elementary
Ron Lange	Chugiak High School
Steve Magestro	Gladys Wood Elementary
Patrick Ryan	Bayshore Elementary
Michael Stein	Baxter Elementary
Lesley Yamauchi	Rogers Park Elementary

The School Board recognized the BP Second Semester Teachers of Excellence.

E. SPECIAL ADVISORY REPORTS

F. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Obed Nelson expressed concern about the Dimond High School site plan, specifically the lake that borders the site. Mr. Nelson noted his concern about the environmental impact on the lake as well as the safety hazard of the lake (the lake is hidden from immediate view). Mr. Nelson requested that the planners take another look at the proposed site design and address the potential safety hazards.

Ed Conyers explained that the designer may agree to a limited access to the lake and may also look at security fencing for a portion of the lake to address the safety issue.

Rich Kronberg, AEA President, urged the Board to accept the invitation to utilize the Interest Based Bargaining model for the up-coming negotiations so that the bilateral bargaining process can begin as soon as school resumes in August.

Dan Rabung, Dimond High parent, commented that he fully supports Brad Lauwers (Dimond basketball coach) and urged the Board to review the process of dismissing coaches.

Randy Karlberg expressed his support for Brad Lauwers noting that the reasons given for his dismissal are less than satisfactory.

Todd Larrabee commented that he has attended Dimond High School for the past four years and has played basketball for Dimond High under the guidance of Brad Lauwers. Mr. Larrabee further commented that Mr. Lauwers has worked very hard for Dimond for many years and he urged the Board to reconsider the dismissal of Mr. Lauwers.

John Sandy noted that he is very honored to speak on behalf of Coach Lauwers and further noted that it's important to look at the current process of terminating coaches.

John Brady commented that Brad Lauwers is one of the finest coaches he has ever known and is stunned at the recent administrative decision. Mr. Brady urged the Board to reconsider the dismissal of Brad Lauwers.

Brett Von Gemmingen commented that the process of non-retention of coaches is unfair and that the recent decision to terminate Coach Lauwers needs to be reconsidered. Mr. Von Gemmingen expressed concern about the stability of the basketball program and noted that Mr. Lauwers went

far beyond the call of duty in the many hours of his own time he donated each summer to basketball camps for students.

Mike Buller spoke in support of Brad Lauwers noting that his son has attended Mr. Lauwers' summer basketball camps for the last four years. Mr. Buller further noted that the entire termination process for coaches needs to be addressed.

Mark Hanley stated that Brad Lauwers has a very real passion for basketball and is a good role model for students. Mr. Hanley further stated that he supports Mr. Lauwers and would like to see that he is reinstated. The entire dismissal process warrants further review.

Vic Kohring stated that he has known Brad Lauwers for almost 30 years and is very supportive of him. Mr. Kohring expressed concern about the termination process and that this particular termination should be reviewed, re-evaluated and reversed.

Fred Crowell, speaking on behalf of basketball camps in Oregon and Washington, stated that Brad Lauwers does a tremendous job with his kids. Mr. Crowell noted that the camps expect coaches to bring teams with high integrity and that is exactly what Brad Lauwers does when he brings his kids to camp. Mr. Crowell stated that that he is very glad to call Brad a friend and fellow coach.

Theresa Obermeyer commented that her "Orders of Exclusion" will be discussed June 15th at 3:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda attached. **All attachments referred to in memoranda recommendations are on file in the Superintendent's office.**

1. Approval Of Minutes:
 - a. Special Meeting - May 10, 1998
 - b. Regular Meeting - May 10, 1998
 - c. Special Meeting - May 17, 1999

2. ASD Memorandum #323 - Renewal Of Contract: Insurance Carrier

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract for

the 1999-2000 fiscal year with Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska for Group Medical, Dental, and Vision Care Insurance.

3. ASD Memorandum #329 – Award Of Contract: Paper Supplies

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of contracts to the low bidders for Paper Supplies in the total amount of \$292,280.00. Of the total amount \$217,588.80 is to Arctic Office Products for white xerographic paper and \$74,691.20 is to Tonsina Corporation for colored paper, as shown in the Tabulation of Recommended Awards (Attachment A).

4. ASD Memorandum #332 – Award Of Contract(s): Expendable Supplies

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of contracts to the low responsive bidders as shown on the Recommended Awards by Vendor for Expendable Supplies (Attachment B) in the total estimated amount of \$296,932.30.

5. ASD Memorandum #333 – Award Of Contract(s): Food Staples

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of contracts to the low responsive bidders as shown on the Recommended Awards by Vendor for Food Staples (Attachment B) in the estimated total amount of \$386,942.05.

6. ASD Memorandum #334 – Award Of Contract(s): Frozen Food Products

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of contracts to the low responsive bidders as shown on the Recommended Awards by Vendor for Frozen Food Products (Attachment B) in the estimated total amount of \$1,068,455.15.

7. ASD Memorandum #336 – Selection Of Architect: East High School Design Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Winchester Alaska as architect for East High School Design Services, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into one or more contracts with Winchester

Alaska for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 4, 1999.

8. ASD Memorandum #337 – Selection Of Architect: Bartlett High School Design Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of Kumin Associates as architect for Bartlett High School Design Services, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into one or more contracts with Kumin Associates for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 4, 1999.

9. ASD Memorandum #338 – Selection Of Architect: New South Anchorage Area High School Design Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of ECI/Hyer as architect for the New South Anchorage Area High School Design Services, and authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and enter into one or more contracts with ECI/Hyer for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 4, 1999.

10. ASD Memorandum #339 – Award Of Contract: North Star Elementary School Lighting Upgrade

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to award a contract for North Star Elementary School Lighting Upgrades to the low bidder, Don's Electrical, in the amount of \$116,500.

11. ASD Memorandum #345 – Project Approval: East High School Water System Repair And Upgrade

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the establishment of a Major Maintenance project to replace defective water piping at East High School gym and pool areas. The project budget is established at \$365,000, to be funded from a budget transfer from unexpended operating accounts.

12. ASD Memorandum #370 – Design Build: Government Hill Elementary School Addition And Renovation

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to utilize a design/build procurement process for Government Hill Elementary School Addition and Upgrade.

13. ASD Memorandum #347 – Renewal Of Contract: Automotive Diesel Fuel

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of a one year contract extension for Automotive Diesel Fuel to Inlet Petroleum Company for the period July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000 in the estimated amount of \$106,000.

14. ASD Memorandum #348 – Award Of Contract: One (1) New 24 Foot Insulated Tandem Axle Delivery Truck

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the award of a contract to the low bidder, Alaska Truck Center, as shown on the Recommended Award by Vendor for One (1) New 24 Foot Insulated Tandem Axle Delivery Truck in the total amount of \$86,945.

15. ASD Memorandum #340 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: FY99 Mental Health Trust Capital Grant Program – Facility Improvements

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept and secure the State's interest for a FY99 Mental Health Trust Facility Capital grant from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, for automatic door opening devices at Bowman Elementary School, in the amount of \$12,125. The District's attorney has reviewed the terms and conditions of the grant and found them acceptable.

16. ASD Memorandum #352 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: Statewide JTPA Summer Youth Program

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Alaska Statewide JTPA Private Industry Council, for McLaughlin High School in the amount of \$21,747.85.

17. ASD Memorandum #353 – Acceptance Of Grant Award: Municipality Of Anchorage JTPA Summer Youth Program

It is recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to accept a grant award from the Municipality of Anchorage JTPA Private Industry Council, for McLaughlin High School, in the amount of \$15,618.08.

18. ASD Memorandum #313 – New Southeast Anchorage Elementary School Boundaries (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading, the following attendance boundaries for the 2000-2001 school year for Abbott Loop, Kasuun, Willard L. Bowman, O'Malley, Huffman, Spring Hill, and the New Southeast Elementary Schools (Attachment A).

19. ASD Memorandum #314 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 450 – Student Rights And Responsibilities (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the attached revision to School Board Policy, Section 450: Students' Rights and Responsibilities Policy (Attachment A) on Second Reading.

20. ASD Memorandum #324 – Revisions To School Board Policy Sections 532.24 And 613.2 – Appointment (Background Checks) (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the revisions to the School Board Policy Sections 532.24 and 613.2, Appointment (Background Checks), as shown on Attachment A.

It is further recommended that effective August 1, 1999, that all newly hired employees be required to be fingerprinted and undergo a nationwide criminal records search with the exception of certain select positions.

21. ASD Memorandum #322 – Modification Of Walden Pond Charter School Contract: Curriculum/Graduation Requirements (Revised)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve an adjustment to the contract for the Walden Pond Charter School for FY 1999-2000 to allow for a change in the curriculum

requirements and graduation requirements as shown on Attachment A.

22. ASD Memorandum #331 – School Calendar 2000-2001

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the 2000-2001 school calendar, Attachment A.

23. ASD Memorandum #358 – Funding Approval: Budget Transfer For Equipment Expenditures

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to process budget transfers to purchase items deleted from the FY 1999-2000 Financial Plan from unexpended accounts at June 30, 1999 year end, in the amount of \$255,000.

24. ASD Memorandum #335 – Acquisition Of Land Adjacent To Tudor Elementary School

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to pursue acquisition of land adjacent to Tudor Elementary School.

25. ASD Memorandum #341 - Personnel Report (With Addendum)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached Personnel Report.

26. ASD Memorandum #372 – Science Adoption: Birchwood ABC 7th And 8th Grades

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the use of Science Voyages, Glencoe as textbooks for science in the seventh and eighth grade program at Birchwood ABC.

27. ASD Memorandum #373 – Budget Transfer: Maintenance Department Year-End Vehicle Needs

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$252,500 to be funded from unexpended year-end funds to purchase ten vehicles for the Maintenance Department.

28. ASD Memorandum #378 – Budget Adjustment And Personnel Additions: Career Resource Aides And Custodial Staff

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the addition of nine Career Resource Aides, six Custodial Supervisors, five custodial substitutes, one Building Plant Operator and two Custodians to the FY 1999-2000 budget. It is further recommended that the School Board approve funding these positions by transferring \$770,300 of Districtwide textbook purchases originally budgeted in FY 1999-2000 to FY 1998-99.

It is also recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer in the amount of \$770,300 from unexpended year-end funds in order to purchase the textbooks in FY 1998-99.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: ASD Memoranda #323, #338, #370, #313, #314, #324, #331, #341, #373 and #378.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to approve the Minutes of the
Special Meeting of May 10, 1999;
the Minutes of the Regular
Meeting of May 10, 1999; the
Minutes of the Special Meeting of
May 17, 1999;
Memorandum #329;
Memorandum #332;
Memorandum #333;
Memorandum #334;
Memorandum #336;
Memorandum #337;
Memorandum #339;
Memorandum #345;
Memorandum #347;
Memorandum #348;
Memorandum #340;
Memorandum #352;
Memorandum #353;

Memorandum #322;
Memorandum #358;
Memorandum #335; and
Memorandum #372.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #323 – Renewal Of Contract: Insurance Carrier

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to renew the contract for the 1999-2000 fiscal year with Blue Cross of Washington and Alaska for Group Medical, Dental, and Vision Care Insurance.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #323.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Dave Werdal inquired if the insurance contract was put out to bid.

Lee Wilson explained that putting it out to bid was an option but the Task Force elected not to do that. The District had the option to go forward for one more year with the current provider. Most of the attention was focused on the preferred provider list.

Dave Werdal requested that the Board receive any insurance mailers that will be sent to employees for the 2000-2001 School Year contract.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #338 – Selection Of Architect: New South Anchorage Area High School Design Services

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the selection of ECI/Hyer as architect for the New South Anchorage Area High School Design Services, and authorize the Superintendent to

negotiate and enter into one or more contracts with ECI/Hyer for consultant services as addressed in the Request for Proposals dated May 4, 1999.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #338.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Debbie Ossiander commented that during the bond campaign, members of the community asked if the District will be working towards a high school prototype since there has been significant cost savings utilizing the prototype for the elementary schools. Ms. Ossiander noted that instead of approving this recommendation, the Board should direct the Administration to go back and look at a prototype based on something that is able to be duplicated at all of the high school construction projects. Every high school except West will be looking at major work or renovation in the next few years. Ms. Ossiander suggested that perhaps an amendment to the recommendation would be more appropriate instead of total rejection of the recommendation.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to add the following to the
seconded by Dave Werdal recommendation: This project
will replicate as much as possible
the new Dimond design in an
effort to establish a new ASD
High School prototype.

Debbie Ossiander explained that the District is obligated to show the community that it is the keeper of the funds they give to us. The District has been very successful with the elementary prototypical schools and there is every reason to believe that it can be just as successful with high school prototypical schools. Ms. Ossiander strongly urged the Board to support this amendment.

Bob Christal explained that there will be check points where the Board will be approving different parts of the process of construction and at that time, better descriptions of the specific phases can be discussed.

Ed Conyers also explained that the Board will be approving the schematic phase and then there will be further involvement with the school community.

Rita Holthouse inquired if there would be any legal difficulties if the District decided to make changes.

Bob Christal explained that the District does have the latitude to tell the architect to change some things.

Rita Holthouse inquired as to how the Board would know if this amendment were enacted.

Bob Christal explained that the Facilities Department is now being required to submit progress reports to the Board office so the Board is well aware of what is happening at various stages of construction.

Kathi Gillespie commented that she does not believe that a high school prototype is the most cost efficient way to build a high school. The prototype worked for the elementary schools because there were so many of them that were going to be built. This is not the case with high schools. It has been 25 years since the last high school was built. The District may not realize the cost benefits of a prototypical high school design. The Administration has gotten clear direction from the Board to use as much of the Dimond design as possible for other high schools.

Dave Werdal expressed concern that the Dimond site has not been studied enough.

Terry Hyer explained that the South Anchorage site has a slope of approximately 100 feet across the site and has a series of glacial moraine changes in topography and also has some wet areas. Access is another issue; right now the projection is to upgrade Huffman Road. However, everything is premature at the present time. The primary concerns are access, the impact on the neighborhood and what the building will look like in the neighborhood. Dimond is a more commercial site. The message that is being heard is that any part of the Dimond design that can be incorporated into the South Anchorage high school design be utilized which makes both economical and practical sense. It is important however to remember that the two sites are completely different. The plan is to collaborate with the Dimond design team and to evaluate what will be applicable to the South Anchorage school.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

Moved by Peggy Robinson
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to add only the following state-
ment to the recommendation:

This project will replicate as much as possible the new Dimond design.

Peggy Robinson explained this would give direction to replicate as much of the Dimond design as possible.

Harriet Drummond stated that she does not support this Amendment noting that the bond passed by the skin of its teeth and the District needs to show the community that we will do as much as possible to keep costs down.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Robinson, Gillespie, Davis
Nays: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal, Holthouse
AMENDMENT FAILED.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Holthouse
Nays: Gillespie, Davis
AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Holthouse, Davis
Nays: Gillespie
MOTION PASSED.

Meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ASD Memorandum #370 – Design Build: Government Hill Elementary School Addition And Renovation

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to utilize a design/build procurement process (as noted under Pertinent Facts) for Government Hill Elementary School Addition and Upgrade.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #370.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Bob Christal explained that in conversations with the Government Hill folks this past spring, that if the District proceeds in the normal manner, the project would not be done in the year 2000. We wanted to see how we could meet the needs of the school for the least amount of money.

Lisa Fitzpatrick, Government Hill PTA President, stated that the school and the community supports the design build recommendation and encouraged the Board to endorse it as well.

Debbie Ossiander stated that the Policy Subcommittee has spent a good deal of time in the past weeks reviewing Policy Section 700. The policy manual is very specific about the procedures the District should follow in going out for bid when the amount is more than \$50,000. It is important to go with the lowest responsible bidder. Ms. Ossiander noted that because of her concerns on this topic, she is considering to table this memorandum until the revisions to Policy Section 700 have been completed.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie
700

to table this memorandum until
the revisions to Policy Section
have been completed.

VOTE:

Ayes: Ossiander

Nays: Drummond, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

MOTION FAILED.

Kathi Gillespie asked the Administration to comment as to why they brought this recommendation forward this way. Ms. Gillespie also noted that the Board can override School Board Policy with a super majority vote.

Bob Christal explained that the revisions to Policy Section 700 will not be coming to the Board for action until August which would not allow the District to proceed on design build until next summer. Even if the Board were to adopt policies, we would not be able to proceed with this until next summer. It would be necessary to fast-track an architect this summer to fully construct next summer, which is not impossible, but the District has been criticized in the past about fast-tracking. The Board is very clearly proceeding through a policy where facilities can proceed with a design build. Also, a full public disclosure is being made that we want to utilize the design build process.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Bettye Davis

to waive current policy and to authorize the Superintendent to utilize a design/build procurement process for Government Hill Elementary School Addition and Upgrade.

Bettye Davis stated that she would like to know the policies that would need to be waived.

Debbie Ossiander explained that the policies are those found in Section 700. Ms. Ossiander further explained that it is her belief that the way current policy is written that it would take an extreme situation to waive Board Policy. This particular approach is one that has a lot of potential merit but it needs to have community discussion.

At ease.

The previous amendment was withdrawn by the maker of the motion and accepted by the second.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to amend the motion by interjecting after the words authorize the Superintendent: to waive current Board Policy 725 and to utilize a design/build procurement process for Government Hill Elementary School Addition and Upgrade.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Ossiander

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Ayes: Drummond, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Ossiander

MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED.

ASD Memorandum #313 – New Southeast Anchorage Elementary School Boundaries (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading, the following attendance boundaries for the 2000-2001 school year for Abbott Loop, Kasuun, Willard L. Bowman, O'Malley, Huffman, Spring Hill, and the New Southeast Elementary Schools (Attachment A).

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #313.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Rita Holthouse noted that during First Reading she expressed concern about students that had been moved due to the 1996 boundary changes and whether or not those students would be moved again because of this boundary change.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to add as the last sentence of the Recommendation: Exception to the new boundaries: Students who were involuntarily transferred to a new school during the 1996 elementary school boundary changes will be permitted to remain in their current schools if they so desire.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Rita Holthouse explained that she didn't think this would involve a large number of students but would like to offer this opportunity for stability to those students who may have already been moved during their elementary years. Dr. Holthouse further explained that students who were involuntarily moved once would not be moved again. This would not necessarily include siblings.

Norm Holthouse stated that it would be necessary to go back and identify each student who was moved due to the 1996 boundary change. The best estimate at this time is that approximately 97 students would be moved because of this boundary change who were also moved in the 1996 boundary change.

Dave Werdal inquired if anyone is requesting this consideration at this time.

Rita Holthouse responded that no one is requesting this at this time but she would like to give them this opportunity if they so desire.

Bob Christal stated that the parents would need to be notified that this option would be available. Also, research would need to be done to find out who is eligible.

Dave Werdal inquired if transportation would be provided.

Rita Holthouse responded that bus transportation would not be provided.

Harriet Drummond noted that the transportation issue needs to be addressed in the amendment.

At ease.

The previous amendment was withdrawn by the maker of the motion and accepted by the second.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Bettye Davis

to add as the last sentence of the Recommendation: To waive Board Policy 444 to permit the following exception to the new boundaries: Students who were involuntarily transferred to a new school during the 1996 elementary school boundary changes will be permitted to remain in their current schools if they so desire. Transportation will be the responsibility of the parents. This exception does not include siblings.

Rita Holthouse noted that everyone talks about the high mobility rate of many students and explained that this would offer an opportunity for some students to stay in their current school.

Steve Kalmes explained that the area involved with this falls into a hazardous route area and some students may choose to cross at Lake Otis and 72nd or Lake Otis and Lore (both are very busy intersections).

Kathi Gillespie commented that she does not support this amendment as it would be setting a precedent that would be hard not to address in future boundary changes. Ms. Gillespie further noted that Lake Otis is an extremely busy street and she would hate to see a student injured attempting to cross the street.

VOTE:

Ayes: Holthouse

Nays: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #314 – Revisions To School Board Policy Section 450 – Student Rights And Responsibilities (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and adopt the attached revision to School Board Policy, Section 450: Students' Rights and Responsibilities Policy (Attachment A) on Second Reading.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #314.
seconded by Bettye Davis

Carol Comeau explained that a definition of fighting and self-defense has been included in item #19 which will give more guidance to students and staff.

Marilyn Stewart commented that even with the new language about fighting and self-defense, she is still unsure about what minimum force means. Ms. Stewart further commented that one of the reasons she is addressing this issue is because even the principal and the assistant principal could not define minimum force, and she is still unable to

explain to her son what is considered to be self-defense and minimum force without being suspended.

Carol Comeau explained that this is an attempt to give young people an appropriate basic message to say stop if a verbal attempt is not successful. It is important to send the message to young people to not get involved in physical contact.

Gail Opalinski explained that one of the things discussed was how to give assistant principals guidelines when addressing suspensions to decide if an act is self-defense or not, or if it's reasonable for a student to get out of a particular situation.

Arge Jeffery commented that the context of every incident is different and it's not really possible to draft language with specificity. It's important to have general guidelines for principals to use.

Pat McDowell noted that students need to be able to make a decision on how and when they need to stop an action. What someone may consider self-defense could be destructive to someone of a smaller stature.

Carol Comeau explained that the message being sent is to use the least amount of minimum force as necessary. This will all be included in the Student Handbook (with clear examples). Ms. Comeau further explained that teachers and administrators will be inserviced on the meaning of minimum force and self-defense.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

(Page 15, Section 4) to delete the words: "either from a specific school or from the District."
Section 4 would read: Expulsion: The denial of the right of school attendance for an indefinite period of time. In addition, the matter of an expelled student's further education shall be referred to the appropriate Instructional Division Executive Director.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None
AMENDMENT PASSED.

Peggy Robinson requested that the inconsistencies in the suspension chart be addressed to make sure the chart is the same as the narrative. Ms. Robinson also requested that a definition of in-school suspension be included in the Student Handbook.

Peggy Robinson inquired as to how the issue of student surveys will be incorporated when the new law regarding student surveys goes into effect.

Carol Comeau explained that when the Governor signs the student survey bill, then it would be appropriate to bring that back to the Policy Subcommittee for discussion. If it is signed into law, we will proceed with it in August.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None
MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #324 - Revisions To School Board Policy Sections 532.24 And 613.2 - Appointment (Background Checks) (Second Reading)

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve on Second Reading the revisions to the School Board Policy Sections 532.24 and 613.2, Appointment (Background Checks), as shown on Attachment A.

It is further recommended that effective August 1, 1999, that all newly hired employees be required to be fingerprinted and undergo a nationwide criminal records search with the exception of certain select positions.

ACTION:

Moved by Rita Holthouse to approve Memorandum #324.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Bob Christal noted that a question was asked about people who leave employment and then are hired back, and explained that those who leave for six months will need to go through the entire screening process.

Rita Holthouse inquired if a certificated personnel screening is done by a federal check and if the individual doesn't pass the screening, is the certificate denied.

Russ Ament explained that certain types of certificates can be denied automatically but can be appealed.

Rita Holthouse inquired if the State goes ahead and issues a certificate, is the District provided with the information that comes from the criminal check.

Russ Ament stated no, not at this time. After an individual receives his/her certification, then the District goes through the State check.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to add as a second paragraph
under Policy Section 613.2: The
Superintendent shall make
nominations for selection after
review of information and
recommendations bearing upon
all applications.

Rita Holthouse explained that this will allow consistency between both policy sections (532.24 Appointment and 613.2 Appointment).

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to add to the Recommendation:
It is further recommended that
effective July 1, 1999, that all
newly hired employees be
required to be fingerprinted.

Rita Holthouse explained that the August 1st date concerns her noting that she has heard from concerned citizens that a lot of hiring will be done before August 1st.

Bob Christal explained that he did not believe that a lot of hiring will be taking place in the next month and it is not his belief or intent that this would delay the hiring process.

Dave Werdal noted that since the Board doesn't have any regular meetings in July, newly hired employees wouldn't be approved for hire prior to August 1st anyway.

Peggy Robinson inquired if all newly hired employees are approved by the School Board.

Russ Ament explained that anyone who is offered a position after that point in time will have to go through the process and that their employment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Kathi Gillespie inquired if the District hired someone between now and August 1st, if those screenings could be held until the background check is completed.

Russ Ament noted that he would like to establish an "as of" date and then state that employment is contingent upon a successful background check. Mr. Ament further noted that the majority of the up-coming hires will be done in August.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Holthouse

Nays: Ossiander, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

AMENDMENT:

Moved by Rita Holthouse
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

to add to the Recommendation:
It is further recommended that
effective July 15, 1999, that all
newly hired employees be
required to be fingerprinted.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Holthouse

Nays: Ossiander, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Davis

AMENDMENT FAILED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

AMENDMENT PASSED.

VOTE ON MOTION AS AMENDED:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #341 - Personnel Report With Addendum

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the attached Personnel Report.

ACTION:

Moved by Debbie Ossiander to approve Memorandum #341.
seconded by Kathi Gillespie

Debbie Ossiander noticed that the "Reason" for leaving employment was not included in this report and inquired about the impact of delaying approval of this memorandum for one Board meeting.

Bob Christal responded that the impact would be that the new appointments would not be notified.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Werdal, Robinson,
Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Ossiander

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #373 - Budget Transfer: Maintenance Department Year-End Vehicle Needs

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$252,500 to be funded from unexpended year-end funds to purchase ten vehicles for the Maintenance Department.

ACTION:

Moved by Dave Werdal to approve Memorandum #373.
seconded by Harriet Drummond

Dave Werdal explained that his questions were answered during the recess and noted that he is very happy to see this recommendation come forward.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Gillespie, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED.

ASD Memorandum #378 – Budget Adjustment And Personnel Additions:
Career Resource Aides And Custodial Staff

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve the addition of nine Career Resource Aides, six Custodial Supervisors, five custodial substitutes, one Building Plant Operator and two Custodians to the FY 1999-2000 budget. It is further recommended that the School Board approve funding these positions by transferring \$770,300 of Districtwide textbook purchases originally budgeted in FY 1999-2000 to FY 1998-99.

It is also recommended that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to process a budget transfer in the amount of \$770,300 from unexpended year-end funds in order to purchase the textbooks in FY 1998-99.

ACTION:

Moved by Kathi Gillespie to approve Memorandum #378.
seconded by Harriet Drummond

Bob Christal explained the reasoning behind the additional positions and noted that a very clear evaluation of these positions will be performed in the fall to determine if they are critical and essential.

Carol Comeau noted that the supervisory responsibilities for these positions will be assigned to the middle level principals. The District will get a much better picture of what is needed at the middle level.

Kathi Gillespie expressed concern that this will be an on-going expense in future years.

Rita Holthouse commented that she is very pleased with this recommendation .

Dave Werdal noted that he was also very pleased with the recommendation and inquired if five substitute positions were enough.

Bob Christal noted that the District added some substitutes at the high school level last year.

Stan Syta commented that five substitutes was the number that was recommended.

Dave Werdal inquired as to the average number of custodial absences per day.

VOTE:

Ayes: Drummond, Ossiander, Werdal,
Robinson, Holthouse, Davis

Nays: Gillespie

MOTION PASSED.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. ASD Memorandum #342 – Evaluation Of Polaris Grant

The “Project On Leading Alaska Restructuring In Science” (POLARIS) is a four-year secondary (7-12) science teacher-enhancement project funded by NSF and reinforced by support from Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, and Matanuska-Susitna School Districts, public agencies, universities, and industries. It is currently in its extension period, the fifth and final year. The mission of POLARIS is to implement research-guided, long-term changes in science instruction for the purpose of increasing student interest and achievement. The mission is being accomplished through implementation of goals related to content, classroom practices, networking, and leadership.

Fred Stofflet introduced the Polaris Grant Evaluation and Bob Nanny gave a brief overview of the grant.

2. ASD Memorandum #350 – School Safety Issues

The Anchorage School District operates 89 schools for students pre-school through 12th grade. This District serves almost 50,000

students. Ninety-seven to ninety-eight percent of these students exhibit good behavior day in and day out. We must not lose sight of this as we address the problems brought on by two to three percent of our students. Recent events around the United States have raised questions for every school district in the country regarding student and staff safety and efforts to ensure optimum security for all involved. The Anchorage School District has been involved for several years in attempting to increase the level of safety and security at all levels.

One of the challenges for public schools has been, and will continue to be, to achieve a balance between the proper level of security and the open welcoming attitude to encourage public involvement and support. Private enterprises such as the major oil companies and the state's largest newspaper have established controlled access facilities that require personal sign-in for visitors at each facility. This approach with closed circuit television cameras allows for a supervised level of security clearance before entering the facility. The Municipal City Hall does have a security guard at one of the two major entrances to the facility but no personal sign-in is required to enter or exit the facility. A citizen can enter the building and proceed to most offices without the same level of clearance seen in private enterprise facilities. The most secure public facilities are probably the Police Department headquarters and the court houses.

This memorandum was moved to the June 21, 1999 Public Hearing

I. PERSONS TO BE HEARD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J. COMMUNICATIONS & SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS

Bob Christal reminded the Board to bring their copy of the School Safety Issues memorandum to the June 21, 1999 Public Hearing on School Safety.

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (PERSONNEL/FINANCE/NEGOTIATIONS/LITIGATION)

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting of June 14, 1999 was adjourned by unanimous consent at 11:55 p.m.

Peggy Robinson, President

Rita Holthouse, Clerk

Date Minutes Approved